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Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

My name is David M. Clark and I am the CEO and president of the Internet Place, Inc. in Berwick, Pennsylvania. We began business in 1994 and presently have 1,500 customers, most of whom live and work in Berwick but we also do a fair amount of web hosting for customers throughout the nation, and have some Canadian customers as well.

We offer many services that our local phone company, Verizon, does not. Services like free on site set-up of equipment and walk-in service at our offices. We also host free of charge many community service organizations like the Local United Way and YMCA and Volunteer Fire companies, Local Industrial Development Organizations, etc. We provide many of these same organizations free access to the web for communications.

When we opened for business we started, as many ISPs did, with a stack of ordinary dial-up modems and a fistful of phone lines from Verizon. Of course getting phone lines from Verizon was always a problem, and we frequently lost customers when our modem lines became busy because Verizon was late delivering phone lines we had ordered well in advance.

Nowadays we have moved on from ordinary phone lines to digital T1's and PRI'S by switching to a CLEC. Since then the price has gone down, but more importantly, service has improved.

Unfortunately, We have to deal with several CLEC's in order to provide DSL and other Broadband service. Verizon has not allowed our provider CLEC to offer Voice over DSL and forces them to provide new lines to each customer yet they are promising their customers DLS on your current line. By provideing this service that is prohibited to the CLEC (Voice and Data over reconfigured lines lines the customers are currently using) allows them to undercut the CLEC's because they can eliminate the fee for the second line. We have chosen to sell the CLEC's DSL at margins that make it nearly imposible to profit just to maintain a customer base in hopes that the regulatory Agencies will assist with this problem

I do not have the resources to fight the tariff that Baby Bells have filed that allows it to get away with charging ISPs a wholesale rate of \$40 for access to the network. I believe the true cost is probably a great deal less than that. However, I also do not believe that the answer to this problem is simply to allow the Bells to stop selling access to the network at all, or to take away the requirements that are supposed to be preventing Ameritech from discriminating.

The answer is for the FCC to make a good faith effort to uncover the discrimination (whether it is in pricing or provisioning) and put an end to it. Until the FCC has demonstrated that it is willing to do this for ISPs, any talk about lifting the rules for monopolies like Ameritech and Verizon is premature.

I hope that you will take my comments seriously - I am sending a copy of this letter to my Congressman as well.

Sincerely,

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